

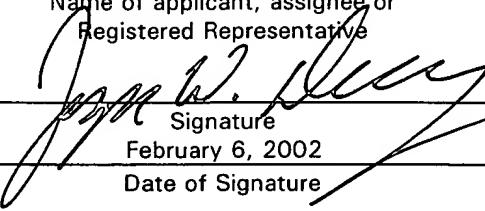
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SATO et al.)	
Serial No.: 09/802,314)	Examiner:
)	Not Yet Assigned
Filed: March 8, 2001)	
For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD)	Group Art Unit:
APPROPRIATELY SUPPRESSING)	2652
SIDE FRINGING AND METHOD FOR)	
FABRICATING THE SAME)	

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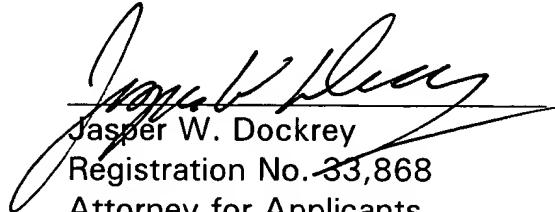
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Dismissal of Applicants' Petition filed August 16, 2001, please reconsider the Dismissal in view of the Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application submitted herewith. The Applicants believe the accompanying Declaration fully complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63. Accordingly,

Applicants respectfully request that their Petition for Filing Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

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Thin-Film Magnetic Head

Appropriately Suppressing Side Fringing and Method for Fabricating the Same

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